

THE BIG PICTURE



The City of Winchester's streams and ponds are part of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, the largest estuary in the United States.

When it rains, pet waste, geese droppings, fertilizer, and other stormwater pollutants flow into the City's waterways and into the Chesapeake Bay system. These pollutants are harmful to the thousands of species of plants and animals living in the Bay watershed and harmful to people using the Bay system for recreational activities.



Winchester City Code: Chapter 5, Article III, Sections 5-40, 5-41, 5-42, and 5-43

A violation of this code shall result in a civil penalty

IT'S PRETTY FOWL

Waterfowl fecal matter that is inhaled or is ingested through contaminated water can cause **health problems and diseases** in humans.

Water quality problems such as **noxious algal blooms** and **small fish kills** are caused by excess nutrients from waterfowl droppings.

THE GIST

Please don't feed the geese! They can become overweight and unhealthy, reliant on humans, and have their migratory patterns disrupted.

KEEP THE WILD IN WILDLIFE

